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Changes under way



Mandy Marshall / Photo Editor

Jessica Shields, a sophomore Spanish major, works on her computer in her residence hall room in McKinney Hall, which is located in the Library Quad. McKinney is just one of the residence halls that has received new wiring for easier and faster computer networking.

Several residence halls offering larger rooms

By Susan Chinnock
Staff writer

Less smoking rooms, an increase in space and more options for single rooms are some of the current changes made at residence halls by University Housing and Dining Services.

The changes were made to Lawson, Carman, Stevenson, Taylor, Thomas, Weller, Ford, McKinney and Pemberton halls.

One of the major changes made to the residence halls was an increase of space offered to students. Stevenson's K-Suites, which had previously been for two people, were changed to singles, according to Bill Schnackel, director of housing and dining services.

Ford, McKinney, Weller and Pemberton Halls now offer triple rooms as deluxe doubles. The rooms on the first floor of the north tower in Thomas Hall were all changed to singles for upperclassmen. In Carman Hall, the quads, which are two connected rooms, were changed to house two students instead of four.

The cost of the new K-Suites, deluxe doubles and singles is an additional \$550 and the cost of the

deluxe doubles in Carman is an additional \$275.

Shelley Robinson, a sophomore elementary education major and a resident in one of the deluxe doubles in Carman Hall, said she appreciates the extra space.

"We have a whole lot more room," she said. "It's a lot nicer, and I love it."

Schnackel commented that additional space always has been a demand among students, "We are always trying to respond to students' requests for more room."

A decrease in the number of smoking floors was another change made to residence halls.

The fourth floor of Lawson Hall was designated non-smoking, making the second, third and fourth floors all non-smoking, Schnackel added. The third floor in Stevenson Hall also was switched, making two floors in Stevenson non-smoking.

Weller Hall, which previously never had a non-smoking floor, now has two. The fourth and fifth floors on the north side of Taylor Hall were designated non-smoking, while the fourth and fifth floors of the south side were already non-smoking.

Schnackel also said the third and fourth floors of the south tower in Thomas Hall were designated non-smoking, making the whole south building non-smoking. The smoking floors in Carman Hall were rearranged, making the second, third, fourth and fifth floors non-smoking in both the north and south towers.

"What we have is more and more requests for non-smoking," Schnackel said.

Another change that affects the residence halls is Internet access. Residents in Carman, Ford and McKinney halls, along with the Delta Sigma Theta, Delta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Sigma Kappa houses will be able to access the Internet and e-mail without using the current modem dial-in connection process, Schnackel said. The Internet access installation is scheduled to be done this fall, but it will not be operational until 2000.

Schnackel said the changes were a response to students' requests.

"We want (students) to be more successful at Eastern," he said.

Family Weekend features bands from 1950s, 60s

By Elizabeth O'Riley
Activities Editor

This year's Family Weekend concert will feature 50s and 60s bands including the Grass Roots, Turtles and Gary Puckett.

"I heard a lot of good things about their performances," said Cecilia Brinker, acting director of student life.

Family Weekend will begin Sept. 24 and end Sept. 26, 1999. The weekend will be filled with different activities and events to attend and take part in.

The concert will be held Sept. 25 in Lantz Gymnasium. The Grass Roots is a rock n' roll band with 15 hits on the top 40 including "Midnight Confessions" and "Let's Live for Today." The Turtles are known for songs such as "Happy Together" and "Elenore."

Gary Puckett will entertain the audience with top ten hits such as "Young Girl" and "This Girl is a Woman Now."

Brinker said ticket sales are going extremely well and expects the remaining 1,615 tickets will be sold. As of Tuesday, 2,385 of the 4,000 available tickets were sold.

Tickets are \$15 per person and are available in the business office of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Tickets also will be sold at the door the night of the performance if they are still available.

Shirley Stewart, associate vice president for student affairs, said she is very hopeful and has been hearing positive comments.

Gary Puckett and the Grass Roots performed together this summer at Charleston's Red, White and Blue Days, the city's Fourth of July festival.

Bill Cosby performed at last year's Family Weekend concert and was deemed a success, selling 8,000 tickets for two shows.

Brinker said she knows Cosby's performance is a hard act to follow, but said this year's performances will be exciting because 50s and 60s groups tend to go over fairly well.

"It will be a great show, tickets are still available, but I encourage parents to get their forms sent in," Brinker said.

Aretha Franklin performed two shows during Family Weekend in 1997, but the University Board lost \$38,000 on the concerts.

Alumnus fills BOT vacant position

By Melanie Schneider
Administration Editor

Eastern alumnus Roger Dettro was recently appointed to Eastern's Board of Trustees with a term ending January 17, 2005.

Dettro, 67, of Mattoon, graduated from Eastern with a bachelor's of science in education. He is in the EI Club Hall of Fame for two undefeated basketball seasons in 1951 and 1952.

Dettro, who was appointed to the BOT July 26, said he also was the first recipient of the Glen Hesler Award from the athletic department of Eastern. This annual award was started in 1981 by family and friends of Glen Hesler.

The athletic director determines the single greatest individual contribution to a university program of intercollegiate athletics from the previous year, said Nancy Page, Brainard House administrative aide. Students and faculty are not eligible for the award.

He also was a past president of the Panther Club and one of 100 people to be honored for the centennial celebration.

Dettro hopes to accomplish more

good things for the university now that he is a member of the BOT.

"I look forward to working for the betterment of Eastern," he said. "I had no idea I would ever be chosen to fill such a very high position such as the Board of Trustees that oversees Eastern Illinois."

Dettro filled the vacancy of former BOT Chair Susan Gilpin, who resigned in April.

BOT executive committee members Carl Koerner, Tom Johnson and Nate Anderson were appointed to the BOT in January 1996 and have terms up for reappointment. The senate passed a law continuing their terms until Gov. George Ryan can make the appointments.

"We can't tell you the governor's schedule of appointments," said Jackie Price, assistant press secretary for Ryan. "He'll do it when he's ready to do it."

Koerner is a little concerned about the delay but says the BOT will continue operating until they hear from the governor.

"I'm worried a little bit about the delayed reappointment because of all the things we're doing right now," Koerner said. "But while we are operating, our decisions still stand."

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Summerfest events begin today

By Elizabeth O'Riley
Activities editor

A variety of multicultural programs and events will start today to welcome new and returning minority students to Eastern with "EIU Summerfest Weekend '99."

Running through Saturday, the programs and events are designed to enhance diversity, introduce minority students to services on campus and provide opportunities for networking with minority staff and students, said Melinda Whittley, a graduate assistant in the Student Life Office.

The first all-campus education program, "Are you on point?" will

be held at 8 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Rathskeller.

A variety of impromptu skits have been planned to increase awareness on different aspects of campus life.

Thursday will feature the "Roll, Bounce & Skate Party." The event is an all-campus night of recreational skating at the Mattoon Skating Rink and will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. A bus will pick up students at the Union at 7:30 p.m. Prizes will be given away at the party.

"Grillin' with the Greeks & Stomp-a-Rama" will be held Friday. This is a campus-wide

cookout where music, card and board games, a mini-stepshow and an introduction of all the Greek organizations will be featured. Members of the National Panhellenic Council will be there to welcome students to campus. Events will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Black Greek Court on 12th Street.

The University Board's "Lick & Laugh" Ice Cream & Comedy will be at 9 p.m. Friday in the Union Rathskeller. This is an all-campus entertainment event featuring comedian Katsy Chappell.

Saturday the "Beat the Heat" Pool, Putt & Swing Party will be from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Charleston Rotary Pool, located at 920 17th

St. Music, water games, miniature golf and a batting cage will be included.

The "New School Jam" Union Party is an all-campus dance party being held Saturday night at 10:45 p.m. to 1:45 a.m., in the University Ballroom in the Union. The party will feature the latest in rap, R&B and more. This event is \$2 for general admission and a Panther Card must be presented.

"I hope students come out and enjoy themselves, it will be fun," Whittley said.

All students and staff are encouraged to participate in the events, which all are free, except the "Back to School" Union Party.

Peoria shootings ruled unrelated

“A lot of those shootings involve domestic violence, narcotics trafficking and gang activity. It’s all for the almighty dollar, for the narcotics area.”

Gary Poynter,
Peoria police captain

PEORIA (AP) – Police say several recent shootings that have worried residents are largely unrelated, but they're concerned about the fire-power involved.

The shootings, five in the past week, have led to the arrests of two people, manhunts for two other suspects, and the seizure of eight guns, including an AK-47 assault rifle and other semiautomatic weapons.

While Peoria police say they have seen other such concentrated outbreaks of violence, they are concerned about the increased use of more powerful weapons, including the AK-47 assault rifle that tore

through a home Friday.

The weapons are "definitely a step up from what we've seen recently," police Sgt. Robert Baer said.

"Most of these weapons revolve around the drug trade," Baer said. "They're standing, willing and ready, to defend their business."

Police think only two of the five shootings are related, though there are common themes among them.

"A lot of these shootings involve domestic violence, narcotics trafficking and gang activity," Capt. Gary Poynter said. "It's all for the almighty dollar, for the

money in the narcotics area."

The only related incidents also involved the only death.

Police said Charles Childs, 21, was charged Monday with murder and aggravated battery in the death of fellow gang member Marcus Risby, 20, as the two attacked a home Friday.

Police said Childs fired an AK-47 from the back of the home, while Risby stood out front "to catch any body coming out of the house." Instead, bullets went through the house, striking Risby.

The AK-47 was found Sunday night by a group of children.

Insurance industry under attack

State Farm continuing its second week at trial defending its practice

MARION (AP) – The insurance industry's preference for cheaper imitation auto-body parts is under attack in courts from Arizona to Florida. State Farm is already at trial defending its practice, while at least seven other insurers face lawsuits filed this year.

Most of the lawsuits — there are 14 in all — were filed shortly after the publication of a February Consumer Reports article criticizing the parts. One, in Maryland, was filed Monday.

They lawsuits accuse Allstate, Geico, Nationwide, USAA, Progressive, Metropolitan and Farmers Group of Insurance Companies of breach of contract and fraud. So far, the State Farm lawsuit — a class action filed in Williamson County Circuit Court in Marion representing 5.5 million current and former policyholders — is the only case to go to trial.

Auto insurance customers con-

tend the use of parts modeled on factory originals but made without the benefit of factory specifications failed to restore their cars to pre-loss conditions, as required in most policies.

But some say the lawsuits, if successful, will hurt consumers by reducing the use of such aftermarket parts, causing prices and premiums to rise.

"All other things being equal, and that's a big if, it's a good thing for consumers to have generic products on the market," said Brian Wolfman of the consumer group Public Citizen. "The presence of generic products brings down the cost of other products."

The State Farm trial continued in its second week Tuesday with testimony from a body shop owner who said aftermarket parts never match the quality produced by factories run for Ford, Toyota and other automakers.

"If it's not the same in thick-

ness, if it's not the same in weld, then it's not safe, either," John Kirby of Mobile, Ala. said in videotaped testimony.

Previously, witnesses have testified that State Farm documents also call into question the parts' quality. In one, State Farm lawyers suggested eliminating the use of aftermarket sheet metal parts due to the increasing cost of litigation.

Although State Farm has settled lawsuits over use of the parts in Cook County, Ill., and California, State Farm has denied allegations that it uses unsafe or inferior parts, saying its practice of using "quality replacement parts" saves customers' money.

Steve Berman, a Seattle attorney handling lawsuits against Allstate, Nationwide, Geico and USAA in Arizona, Illinois, Ohio and Washington state, said those cases are almost identical to the State Farm claim.

The Arizona lawsuit accuses Allstate and Geico of violating that state's insurance code, federal racketeering laws and consumer fraud laws by forcing shops to use aftermarket parts and failing to disclose their use to consumers. The lawsuit, filed in January, is awaiting class-action certification.

But Charles Davies, general counsel for Geico in Chevy Chase, Md., said his company doesn't hide its use of the parts because executives think they are a good deal for customers.

"There is no reliable evidence we've seen to say these parts on the whole are bad," Davies said. "If we didn't have competitive parts, which are lower in price than the manufacturer's parts, we would have a situation where insurance is unaffordable."

Nationwide declined to comment. The other companies did not return telephone calls seeking comment Monday.

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Dining Services listens, learns, changes

By Geneva White
Campus editor

A year after students made it clear they were unhappy with residence hall dining changes, Dining Services is taking strides to offer more variety and flexibility. As a result, several changes have been made to the residence hall dining centers and the Panther Card System.

A number of improvements have occurred at Pemberton's dining center. Jody Horn, director of dining services, said in an e-mail waffles and brunch will be served every day at Pemberton and its reservation dining has been extended to Sunday night. Pemberton also has added dining breaks between meals, when rolls and cookies will be sold.

Horn said in an e-mail Stevenson still will be carry-out with the deli and Asian entrees, but also will now serve salads and side dishes behind the counter. A 'noodle' bowl consisting of oriental noodles and various toppings such as sauteed vegetables will be served on the west side of Tower.

Other changes made in residence hall dining include a traditional lunch now offered at Thomas, along with burgers, brats and "veggie" burgers, Horn added. Carman also will be serving "wraps" and a hot or grilled sandwich of the day, she said.

The "Carry out Club Mug" also is being offered this year, Horn said. The mug, which can be taken to any dining center and filled for free, can be purchased for \$1 in the Housing and Dining Services Office.

Although Dining Services continues to address student concerns about dining options, Bill Schnackel, director of housing and dining services, said there still is a major demand for a la carte dining.

"Ultimately, we want to add more a la carte," Schnackel said, "More schools are going a la carte."

However, Schnackel said more a la carte means an increase in board prices.

"The downside is that prices go up," he said, "We're just looking at more ways students can grab and go."

Horn said she thinks students will respond well to the new Panther Dining changes.



Mandy Marshall / Photo Editor

Aprille Murray, a sophomore elementary education major, and Emily Austin, a sophomore physical education major, tangle their forks Tuesday afternoon in Thomas Dining Hall. With the changes in Panther dining, Thomas Dining Center offers a traditional lunch, with hamburgers and veggie burgers.

"I never know until we try something new and get some feedback," she said, "I hope this year's much smoother than last, but we are here for the students and we will listen to what they have to say and go from there."

Last year, students came back from summer break to find the same entrees being served in their residence hall dining centers for lunch and dinner. If students wanted some variety, they had to walk to a different residence hall. Several student complaints prompted Dining Services to modify the Panther Dining system by having different entrees served in the residence halls and changing some of the hours.

This year, Dining Services also has introduced the Panther Plus Meal Plan, Schnackel added. Through the meal plan, students who

live on campus will have \$3.25 every week on their Panther Card to go toward Coffee Express or Chick-Fil-A, a new restaurant that will replace McDonald's in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. However, Chick-Fil-A will not open until after Labor Day. Students also will have the option of using the \$3.25 to take a friend or relative to eat at any of the residence hall dining centers, Schnackel said.

He then said the Panther Plus Meal Plan is a way for Dining Services to gear up for the food court planned for 2001.

"The biggest motivation is we're trying to get ready for when the food court comes on line," he said. "We're trying to be more responsive to customers and the hours they want and the flexibility of dining locations and menus."

Art festival date jumps into spring

Competition, weather forces schedule change for annual Celebration

By Elizabeth O'Riley
Activities editor

Eastern's annual Celebration: A Festival of the Arts has been rescheduled from its original date in August to spring 2000.

Shelly Flock, director of media relations, said the weather and some competing festivals in August contributed to the need for the date change.

"It's difficult to do planning with some of the faculty gone in the summer," Flock said.

The festival was scheduled at Eastern for the same weekend as a large arts and crafts festival in Lincoln. Some of the vendors Eastern uses at the annual Celebration attend Lincoln's festival, as well as most of the same crowd, Flock said.

Dan Crews, the festival chair, said that the festival had an 18-year history of being held in the spring. The festival advisory committee moved it to the fall thinking that parents and students could take part in the festival together, Crews said.

For two years, the festival stayed in the fall, but parents and students started losing interest in attending it together.

"Charleston locals who came to the festival started avoiding the campus the first couple weeks of the academic school year," said Crews, so the attendance of the festival starting dropping.

Crews said the committee realized their mistakes and noticed the many advantages of having the festival in the spring. Crews said he believes that "it's a better opportunity for students to participate" by having the festival in the spring rather than the fall.

Flock said there is no set location for the festival in the spring. The first festival was held in 1977 in the Library Quad, and since then it has been held in the North Quad.

With the start of the renovation in the library, Flock said that they are not sure where the festival will be. The festival is set for April 2000, and will have just as many participating artists and vendors as it has in the past years.

Employee and Labor Relations director appointed

By Melanie Schneider
Administration editor

Robert Wayland, former associate professor in the College of Business and Applied Sciences, has been named director of the university's newly formed Department of Employee and Labor Relations.

Wayland has a doctorate in management and has taught at the university for eight years.

Since August 1998, Wayland has worked part time as assistant to the president for labor relations and continued teaching, according to a press release.

“I am pleased to appoint him to this position.”

Morgan Olsen,
former vice president
for business affairs

“The function (of this position) has been done for a long time now,” Wayland said in a press release. “The university’s just defining it better now.”

He will not be teaching with his new full-time position, which “invol-

ves collective bargaining agreements with labor unions,” he said.

He will serve as chief negotiator and labor contract interpreter for all labor contracts at the university. His other duties include developing good labor management relations, training supervisors on contract language, assisting in disciplinary matters and advising on university policies and procedures relating to employee relations, according to the press release.

Wayland was recommended unanimously by the director of employee and labor relations search com-

mittee, Morgan Olsen, former vice president for business affairs, said.

“I am pleased to appoint him to this position. Dr. Wayland is uniquely qualified for this important position by virtue of his extensive labor relations experience, his detailed knowledge of Eastern and his even temperament and open style,” Olsen said.

Lloyd Leonard, formerly an employee and labor relations manager in Eastern's human resources department, was named assistant director for the department. Leonard and Wayland began their new appointments Aug. 1.

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Students are key to bike program

The University Police Department recently implemented a program that will allow students, staff and faculty to conveniently get around campus using communal bicycles.

The bikes, which are painted bright orange so they can be easily identified, were obtained by the police department after they were abandoned around campus. The 30 bikes are located at bike racks on campus and are available for the university community to use as needed.

Because the police department organized this project and spent time and effort preparing the bikes, students should respect the bikes and act responsibly.

Borrow-a-bike program

University police have tried to make getting around campus easier, but students' responsibility will dictate the success of the program.

The bikes, which are marked with an Eastern identification number so the police department can keep track of them, are for

all students, staff and faculty members to use. They are not supposed to be locked up by anyone.

Since this was a project organized by Eastern, the bikes also are not supposed to be taken off campus. This is to prevent any hassle with the city. If the bikes are brought off campus, it is possible they may not be returned to the university.

Although Eastern has a relatively small campus, this program can be a convenience to all who choose to take advantage of it. By taking the bikes off campus, those students are taking away a means of transportation from students who want to utilize the bikes.

Since there are a limited number of bikes, it is likely they will not be replaced if they are broken, lost or destroyed. It is up to Eastern students to take care of the bikes and use them only when needed.

The police department is trying to provide a service to the Eastern community, and we should in turn appreciate their efforts.

Although the police department is often seen as an enemy to students, with this project they have shown their goal is not only to reprimand students, but also to provide them with a worthwhile resource.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today's quote

Life always gets harder toward the summit — the cold increases, responsibility increases.

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche,
German philosopher and poet 1844-1900

Want us to attend? Give us freebies

BACCHUS, UB, RHA, SACIS — say any of these to the majority of Eastern students and the resounding response will be: "Huh?"

These four campus organizations are responsible for bringing a large number of speakers, bands, cultural events and entertainment to Eastern's campus — chances for the 11,000 students who say there is nothing to do in Charleston to actually have something to do.

But attendance is minimal, if anyone bothers to show up at all. And if students do attend events, generally they've been forced to go for class.

During the past three years, I have watched attendance at non-athletic events dwindle — apparently a problem across campuses nationwide.

Officials at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale think they have found a way to combat low attendance — freebies.

Now we're not talking about plastic frisbees or rubber footballs — try free books, free tuition and coupons, coupons, coupons.

The program, which was launched last week, has been dubbed "one of the most comprehensive efforts in the nation to lure students" to campus events other than sporting events.

So how does it work?

Each student is given a card. Those who attend university-sponsored events are given stamps at the end of each event. Once a student collects eight stamps, they are entered into a drawing for free books and tuition. When they are entered into the drawing, students are given a coupon book from local retailers.

SIU is pushing for students to go beyond just attending greek activities and athletic events. The events are divided



Deana Poole
Editor in chief

"It's that little thing called incentive that students nowadays need to get motivated to do just about anything"

into five categories, of which students must attend at least one: cultural activities, educational programs, lectures, performing arts and sports. The other three events can be chosen from any category.

Students at Texas Christian University also get punch cards, but those who attend enough social, academic and spiritual events are given credit on their transcripts to show employers

they were involved in extracurricular activities.

In Pennsylvania, students who live in residence halls at Westminster College and attend six workshops on residential life are allowed first choice of which rooms they want to live in the next year.

Eastern's athletic department, in cooperation with the housing office, has offered a chance at free room and board for a semester. But nothing has been done to attract students to non-athletic events. That is, other than having professors offer extra credit for attending them.

And while the students are to blame for not attending, the trend has shown it may take more than just enthusiasm to bring crowds to a campus event.

SIU officials have the right idea — and one that will not only bring students together, but make them more diverse and culturally enriched.

It's that little thing called incentive that students nowadays need to get motivated to do just about anything.

Need to pass a class to graduate? Bet they are going to attend. Need money for tuition? Bet they will attend eight-hour-long events for free tuition.

I know I would.

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Safe driving important during school year

In a few short days, the youth of our communities will be returning to school. In order to insure the safety of these children, it is our responsibility to know and adhere to the vehicle laws of Illinois. As a reminder, please remember that when you meet or follow a school bus Illinois law requires the following:

Motorists must stop whenever the stop signal arm on a school bus is extended and the eight-lamp flashing signal system is in operation with the red signal lamps flashing.

On one way road ways, all traffic must stop.

When a highway has at least four lanes of traffic and at least two of these lanes are traveling in a direction

opposite from the bus only motorists traveling in the same direction as the school bus must stop.

In addition, drivers must be aware of children crossing streets. In some cases, crossing guards regulate traffic patterns and speed. Illinois law provides that an individual who fails or refuses to comply with a lawful order of a crossing guard may be fined up to \$150. However, crossing guards are not always present. Please slow down and be aware that a child may suddenly appear in the road.

By using safe driving habits, you can help ensure a safe school year for the children of our region.

Your turn

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Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.

Restaurant, lounge receives liquor fine

By Matt Neistein
City editor

A popular hangout for Eastern students was fined Monday for violating its liquor license.

The owners of the Station Restaurant and Lounge, 611 Monroe Ave., received a \$1,000 fine for selling package liquor, which the establishment is not licensed to do. Another charge of serving alcohol without food resulted in an acquittal. The bar only is allowed to serve alcohol with meals, according to an article in the *Charleston Times-Courier*.

Jason Frank, a 21-year-old intern of the Charleston Police Department, ordered beer at the bar July 20 as part of an undercover investigation, the Times-Courier reported.

Mayor Dan Cougill, who also is the town's liquor commissioner, said the investigation was a result of unspecified suspicions that the establishment

was violating its liquor license.

Frank was served two beers after being asked for identification, and declined the bartender's offer to serve him food. The bartender's assumption that Frank's girlfriend was going to join Frank led Cougill to dismiss the second charge.

Frank then asked the bartender for a six-pack of beer, and it was sold to him after the bartender consulted an owner.

Cougill said the license would not be revoked since "Illinois law says there must be three violations in a 12-month period for license revocation."

Many establishments in Charleston, such as Pizza Hut, What's Cookin' and Worthington Inn have a similar license, Cougill said.

Charleston police would not comment on whether any similar investigations currently are in progress for other Charleston businesses.

Faculty Senate grows by 3

Senate members elect new chairs for 4 committees

By Jason Maholy
Staff writer

Headed by a new chair and vice-chair and equipped with three new members, the Faculty Senate held its first meeting of the 1999-2000 school year Tuesday.

The senate welcomed in new members Bud Fischer, Reed Benedict and Bailey Young as their first order of business under new chair Bonnie Irwin and vice-chair John Best.

The senate discussed the importance of maintaining their focus and striving toward accomplishing the common goal of continuing to improve the quality of education at Eastern.

Best said it is important to keep in mind that the role of the senate is to provide a strong voice for the faculty at Eastern in regards to where they want to go as a group and what kind of difference they want to make.

Best also said during his 20 years at Eastern he has seen the university

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John Best,
Vice Chair of Faculty Senate

“come a long way toward achieving greatness, but that the faculty and the students need to carry this momentum into the future.”

“Good communication and a strong relationship between the teachers and the students is essential in order for a university to achieve greatness,” Best said. “We need to have the faculty realize how important this is because no matter how many positive things are going on, if this relationship is weak, greatness can never be realized.”

Irwin echoed Best's sentiments and added that in order for the student-teacher relationship to be strengthened, more communication between the faculty and student affairs is needed.

In other business, the senate elected the chairs for the nominations committee, election committee, student-faculty relations committee and staff-faculty relations committee. The new chairs are Lankford Walker, John Best, Janice Coons and John Allison, respectively.

The senate also discussed what was on the agenda for the inauguration celebration of Eastern President Carol Surles, who will be formally installed on Oct. 29. Irwin said events will be going on all semester to celebrate Surles and the university as a whole.

“This is a large event,” Irwin said. “We're going to be doing all kinds of things to showcase Eastern and welcome in our new president, and I'm asking all of you as faculty to take on a positive leading role and attend these events.”

Dounda Fine Arts Center theater kicks off year with auditions

By Elizabeth O'Riley
Activities Editor

Auditions for the University Theatre's fall productions are at 7 p.m. today and Thursday in the Theatre of Doudna Fine Arts Center.

“Auditions have started earlier than usual this year because of the season schedule,” said Joseph Sain, business manager of the theater.

The group is looking for approximately 40 actors for its two plays and one musical comedy scheduled for the fall season. Sain said “the whole season is an all-American season.”

“It should be an exciting season ... we need as many actors as we can get.”

Jean Wolski,
theater director

“Summer and Smoke” by Tennessee Williams will be the first classic drama of the year. It is one of the playwright's most highly regarded works, and the director, Clarence

Blanchette, is looking to find eight men and six women for the cast, Sain said.

The second play, “The Dining Room” by A.R. Gurney, will be directed by John T. Oertling, the new theater arts department chair. Oertling is looking for a cast of about three men and three women.

The musical comedy planned for the fall is “A Country Christmas Carol.” This program, by Ken Nelson and Jack Dyville, is an interpretation of the Charles Dickens classic with a few changes. Jean Wolski will direct the comedy and is looking for a mixed cast of about 20.

People auditioning will be expected to perform two one-minute monologues and sing 16 bars of country music for the comedy. Auditions are open to any registered student. Anyone who wishes to volunteer for a backstage position also should come to the auditions to meet crew members, Sain said.

“It should be an exciting season, and we need as many actors as we can get,” he said.

Auditions are by appointment only. To sign up for a time, there is a sheet on the call board by The Studio Theatre (FAT-116), or call 581-3121 for more information.

Speaker of Student Senate looks to fill 3 vacant positions at first meeting

By Ron White
Student Government editor

The Student Senate's first meeting of the semester will include an address by Eastern President Carol Surles, Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, and Shirley

Stewart, associate vice president for student affairs. The meeting is at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

“Students are welcome at all of our senate meetings. Actually, if they're wanting to get involved with

anything, all of our executives appoint members to different committees across campus,” Student Senate Speaker Matt Layette said.

Layette said there are three vacant positions on the Senate. He said students who are interested in applying for one of the senate posi-

tions can contact him for an application. He also stressed that interested students should attend the meeting today.

“Your chances [of being appointed to the Student Senate] are a little better because you've shown that you have the desire to get involved with

Student Senate,” Layette said.

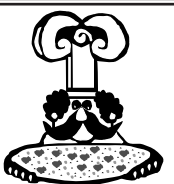

Layette expects an informal event because it will be the first Student Senate meeting this semester.

He said he will discuss the responsibilities of the senate members, future plans and the legislative leadership of this semester.

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Boulay sentenced to 24 years

Justin "Jay" Boulay was sentenced to 24 years in prison in May for the Feb. 3, 1998 strangulation death of his ex-girlfriend, Andrea Will.

Boulay, 21, of St. Charles, received close to the 20-year minimum sentence despite Miss Will's family's request of 50 years.

As of May 18, Boulay was being held at the Coles County Safety and Detention Center until assigned to an Illinois Department of Corrections facility.

Eastern signs 10-year Pepsi deal

Eastern could acquire more than \$4 million in benefits after the executive committee of the Board of Trustees gave its stamp of approval June 9 on the university's 10-year partnership with the Marion Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company.

The partnership was formed Aug. 1, 1998 and, at that time, the university's intent was to enter into a five-year exclusive "pouring rights" agreement with the option for an additional five-year period.

Under the agreement, only Pepsi-Cola products will be served in Eastern's dining halls, campus vending machines and during all athletic events and university-related functions.

Eastern will receive \$2.25 million in guaranteed commissions and an additional \$813,840 in estimated additional commissions during the 10-year period, depending on consumption. Another \$250,000 will be a bonus to the university for extending the five-year option. Eastern also will receive \$852,250 in sponsorships.

The latter includes \$133,500 for the purchase of scoreboards and related equipment. Annual payments of \$10,000 will be made for athletics support, \$1,500 will be paid annually for the sponsorship of one or more women's major athletic events and the athletic department will receive \$6,000 annually in unrestricted payments.

Position changes

David Milberg, director of student life for 11 years, left Eastern to accept a position at Buffalo State College in New York.

Cecilia Brinker will serve as acting director of student life. Brinker formerly served as assistant director of multicultural programs.

Milberg will be responsible for the Student Life Office at Buffalo State as well as the renovation of the college's new student union.

Morgan Olsen, former vice president for business affairs, was named vice president for business and finance at Southern Methodist University June 29.

Jeff Cooley was named acting vice president for business affairs, and was formerly the assistant vice president for business affairs. Cooley served as Eastern's director of internal auditing for 14 years and was appointed to his former position in December 1997. A search committee will be formed to fill the position permanently.

Olsen began his duties at SMU in August. While at Eastern, Olsen served as the chief business and financial officer for the university. He also served as the treasurer of Eastern's Board of Trustees and assistant treasurer of the EIU Foundation. Olsen, who joined Eastern in 1995, also taught classes for the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Lisa Huson, former university counsel, took a position this month on the campus legal team at the University of Illinois



Urbana-Champaign as assistant university counsel.

Huson was Eastern's first campus legal counsel.

Jone Zieren, a 22-year employee of Eastern and former associate director of financial aid, was named director of financial aid.

Zieren replaces John Flynn, who retired in March.

Eastern ranks first in recycling

Eastern's recycling program was named best in the state by the Illinois Recycling Association.

The association presented Eastern with the 1998 Outstanding University Recycling Program Award and Allan Rathe, Eastern's recycling coordinator, said the award is a result of the collective efforts of the university community.

Rathe said student workers and the grounds workers were instrumental in the collection of materials and in the overall operation of the program. About six student workers, along with Rathe, collected 334 tons of recyclable materials in 1998.

The recycling program officially began in 1992 and is a branch of the grounds department. It was designed to meet a state mandate of the same year.

Baharlou wins award, named Faculty Laureate

Alan Baharlou, chair of the

geology/geography department, received the 1999 Ringenberg Award.

The award was named after Eastern's first dean, Lawrence Ringenberg, and was established to honor the accomplishments of tenured/tenured-track faculty members for their work at the university.

Baharlou also was named Faculty Laureate for the 1999-2000 school year.

As laureate, Baharlou delivered a welcome address at the fall convocation, held Aug. 19, and also will represent Eastern's faculty on student committees, be profiled in a variety of student publications and receive a \$500 stipend.

Woman murdered appeared to have struggled with attacker

A 23-year-old woman who was killed June 29 in her Charleston home apparently struggled with the attacker before her death, a police detective reported during an inquest Aug. 11.

Police discovered "defense wounds" made by a sharp object on Amy Warner's body when they entered her home at 17 Seventh St., Detective Kevin Paddock of the Charleston Police Department told the coroner's jury.

Warner died of a blood loss caused by a wound to her neck, Paddock said. Miss Warner's death was ruled a homicide committed by a person or persons unknown.

Miss Warner's two children, a 4-year-old girl and 7-month-old boy, were in the home at the time of her death, but police do not think they witnessed the killing.

Governor allocates \$2 million for Fine Arts Center plans

Eastern's appropriated and income funds budget will increase by \$4,525,600 under the fiscal year 2000 state budget signed by Gov. George Ryan June 2.

Ryan also allocated \$2 million in capital funds to plan renovations to the Doudna Fine Arts Center, one of the first initiatives of the university's Campus Master Plan.

Eastern's fiscal year 2000 budget is \$73,193,100, which is a 6.59 percent increase from the 1999 budget of \$68,667,500.

The university requested \$75,277,400 in appropriated and income funds that Eastern's Board of Trustees approved.

\$43 million approved for rehab, expansion of Fine Arts Center

Eastern's Board of Trustees approved the appropriated operating funds and capital budget requests for fiscal year 2001 at the July 12 meeting, which included \$43 million for the rehabilitation and expansion of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Other projects also received funding, including \$4.5 million for movable equipment for Booth Library, \$2.5 million for the construction of a south campus chilled water loop, \$4 million to upgrade the campus electrical distribution and \$1.85 million for capital renewal projects in the Physical Science Building, McAfee Gymnasium and Klehm Hall.

An additional \$2.5 million request will be made for the planning phase of a new science building that was outlined by the BOT in April. The appropriated funds operating budget is more than \$86 million and is an 18.7 percent increase from last year.

Teachers must renew certificates every five years under new bill

Gov. George Ryan signed a bill that requires teachers to renew their teaching certificate every five years as part of a professional development plan.

The implementation date for the new renewal requirements is Feb. 15, 2000. In addition to traditional course work and seminars, teachers will be able to get credit for learning activities that are closely linked to and have an impact on teaching.

Athletes file suit claiming they were videotaped in locker rooms

Twenty-eight athletes, including some from Eastern, filed a lawsuit July 26 claiming they were secretly videotaped in locker rooms and that the tapes were sold through Internet sites.

Other athletes have asked to join the lawsuit because the videotapes were filmed at sporting events in several states. Louis Goldstein, who is representing the athletes, said he could not specify how many of the athletes were Eastern students, but 17 were from Illinois.

Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, said one of the tapes includes Eastern wrestlers at a 1990-1991 wrestling tournament at Illinois State University in Normal.

The lawsuit alleges invasion of privacy, unlawful use of the athletes' images for monetary gain, and mail and wire fraud.

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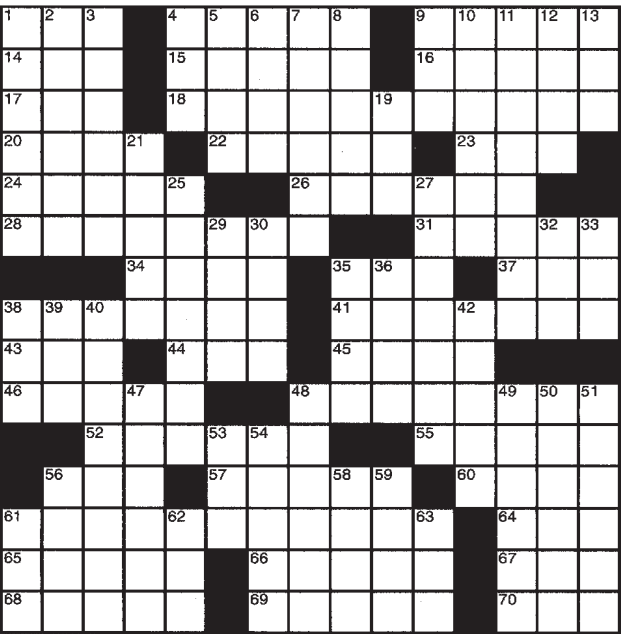
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Women's soccer team ready for season to begin



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Women's soccer player Ida Hakansson (left) tries to avoid teammate Kelly Olson during practice Tuesday afternoon at Lakeside Field.

By Gabe Rosen
Staff writer

When the women's soccer team opens its season at Tennessee Tech Friday, the answers to several questions about this year's squad will begin to unravel.

How will the returning players, including five starters from last year's team mesh with seven newcomers and how will the team deal with the loss of Heather Ory, last season's Ohio Valley Conference Player of The Year?

Despite the uncertainty of the new season, the Panthers were picked to finish first in the conference in a preseason poll of OVC coaches.

Earlier this month the Panthers looked impressive in a preseason scrimmage against Wisconsin-Parkside, coming out with a 3-1 victory.

Head coach Steve Ballard is certainly hoping the preseason predictions hold true, but is downplaying the importance of winning right away.

"No matter what happens, we will come out of it looking at the positives and we will build from there," he said.

"I think this is a very positive team in terms of our outlook and where we want to go. We'll find out about all of that as the season goes on."

This year, the team will be counting on junior Jeanine

“ (Goalies Jeanine Fredrick and Jessica Graczyk) are each capable of playing excellent ball for us and they are probably going to see a lot of action.

Steve Ballard,
Women's soccer coach

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Fredrick and senior Jessica Graczyk to shut down opponents and provide some veteran leadership at the goalkeeper's position.

"They are each capable of playing excellent ball for us and they are probably going to see a lot of action," Ballard said.

Other returning players expected to make an impact are midfielders Carole Griggs, Ellen Wallace and Valerie Pourch. Forward Monica Cameron and defensive/midfielder Brooke O'Connell also will make contributions.

Both Griggs and O'Connell earned second team All-OVC honors last season while helping Eastern to a second place conference finish.

Along with the returning players, the Panthers will be counting on newcomers Terri Manser, Devon Bissell, Ida Hakansson, Cara LeMaster, Jean Gerkhe, Courtney Roth, Erin Loeffel and

Rebecca Traen.

Manser, LeMaster, Loeffel, Traen and Roth all are freshmen, while Gerkhe is a transfer from Moraine Valley Community College, Bissell is from St. Catherine's College in Canada and Hakansson is from Vanmolén, Sweden.

According to Ballard, one of the keys to the team's success will be how well the veterans and newcomers gel together. So far, the team is adjusting well.

"I'm very pleased so far with how the veteran players have accepted the newcomers," Ballard said.

O'Connell is excited about the season as well and the sophomore is confident in the abilities of all the new players.

"It's nice having a new team and starting over. I think we are going to be very competitive. We have a very good team," O'Connell said.

The Panthers will be tested right away as they face a tough opening weekend with road games at Tennessee Tech and Illinois.

The defending conference champion Golden Eagles beat Eastern 1-0 in last season's contest.

"We want to find out exactly where we are at and this should be a good test," Ballard said.

Coaches

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"Leah is a very gifted player and I don't want to take anything away from her," Wunder said.

"I want to give her more weapons to play with. Hopefully Leah won't have to play 40 minutes a game."

It's obvious to the new coach defense has to be a priority, and overall rebounding has to be improved. And with eight out of 10

OVC teams getting playoff berths, postseason action is a realistic goal for Eastern.

"I'm not real familiar with the OVC, but obviously, a lot of them were better than us last year," Wunder said. "Our goal is to have the team improve as the season goes on. If we play well together, things will happen."

Michael Hunt, Men's and women's tennis coach

It's fair to say this job just fell

right into his hands after Marla Reid quit to head out west.

"I was very actively pursuing a head coaching job (over the summer)," Hunt said. "I noticed Marla got a new job and that it would be open."

He then contacted Eastern to check out the job.



Michael Hunt

"I interviewed at a few other schools but this is kind of where I wanted to be," Hunt said.

"I have a lot of friends in central Illinois."

And he's had a lot of jobs in that area as well.

While Hunt comes to Eastern fresh off an assistant coaching job at Illinois State, he also has served as an assistant at Parkland, a head coach at Champaign High School as well as an assistant job in Danville.

Hunt has been on campus for less than two weeks, and is still get-

ting acclimated to Eastern.

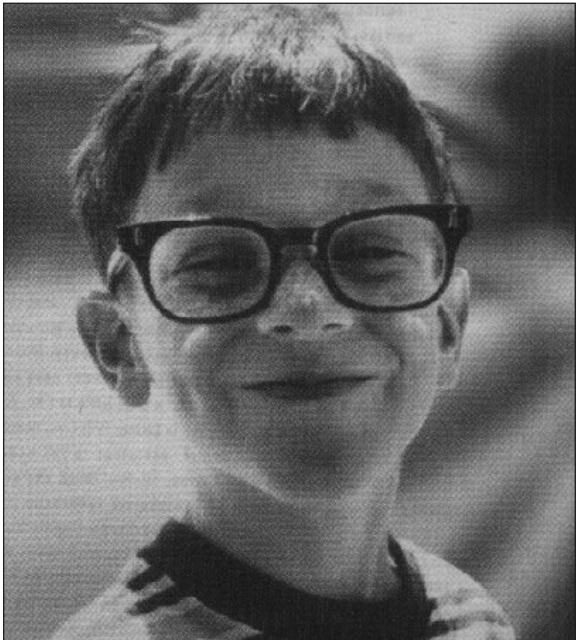
"I'm trying to get everything in order and there's a lot of catching up going on," Hunt said. He's also trying to fill the assistant coaching job after Andre Hercke jumped ship like so many other coaches in recent months.

All of that has made his job a bit more interesting.

"I don't know much about the team, but I have seen a few of the new guys hit," Hunt said. "The whole fall semester is going to be about us getting to know each other."

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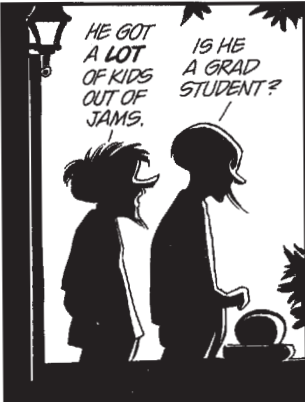
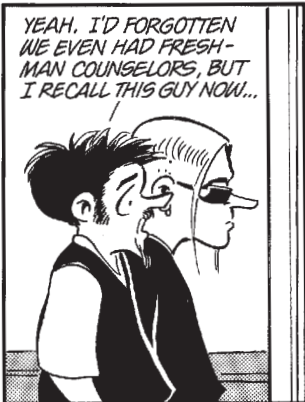
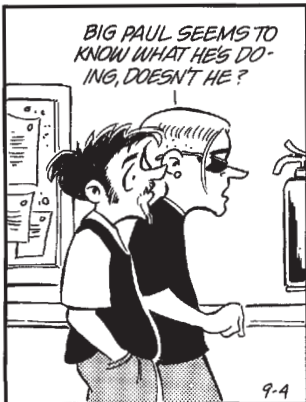


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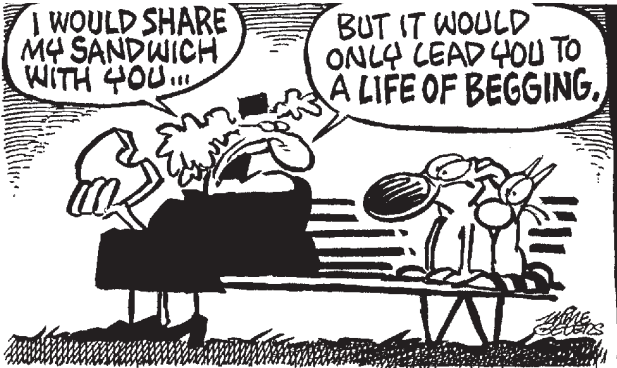
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OVCspotlight

Valley vitals



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Tennessee State and Murray State have made their way to the Sports Network's Preseason Division I-AA Top 25 poll. Tennessee State has the No. 13 spot while Murray State is ranked No. 24.

52

The 1998-99 OVC Medal of Honor has been awarded to 52 athletes from 17 different sports. The Medal of Honor is given out to the student-athlete who achieves a 4.0 GPA in a conference-sponsored sport. Five Panthers made the list: Luke Mueller, Angie Patzner, Jeb Odam, Valerie Pourch and Keri Davis.

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Southeast Missouri State's volleyball team's conference winning percentage in this decade.

6

The number of women's soccer teams that will be playing exclusively in the OVC. This is the second year the OVC has sponsored women's championship soccer, but last season, many of the teams split time in two conferences. Eastern played in both the OVC and the Missouri Valley Conference during the 1998 season.

112-16-1

Since 1978, Eastern Kentucky football coach Roy Kidd has compiled an incredible 112-16-1 record at Roy Kidd Stadium.

Four decades later, this Kidd still can coach

By Chad Merda
Sports editor

Not even 36 years at the same school can dim the fire in this self-described "good-ol' Kentucky boy."

Eastern Kentucky football coach Roy Kidd has never found much of a reason to leave, but rather, has given the school every reason to keep him.

Kidd's 286 career wins are third all-time in Division I, behind Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden and since Kidd took over the program in 1964, the Colonels have won two Division I-AA National Championships, made the playoffs 17 out of 21 times since I-AA's inception in 1978. Kidd's teams have only suffered two losing seasons.

It's Kidd's blue collar attitude that has bred so much success.

"I work hard," he said. "I knew I was going to put the program on the map and bust my butt doing it. Every year, I've worked hard to put together a winning record."

While many coaches would use I-AA programs as a stepping stone to bigger schools and better paying positions, Kidd knows where he belongs on Saturdays – standing on the sidelines in Roy Kidd Stadium.

He's had offers from bigger Division I schools, mainly Kentucky, but Kidd isn't in it for the money. The legendary coach admits if he quit today, his retirement package would have a better



Photo courtesy of EKV Sports Information

Eastern Kentucky head coach Roy Kidd is one of the most successful in Division I history, ranking third on the all-time victories list with 286.

payoff than his current salary.

But for now, Kidd's taking it one season at a time and knows at his age, he could never take a job at another school. It would be too late to start over even if he wanted to.

"I'm not the type of guy that applies for other jobs," Kidd said. "I've never had any motivation to leave. It's a great place and a great

place to raise kids."

For most of his life, Kidd has been involved with Eastern Kentucky in some way. He went to school there and was an All-American quarterback. Kidd also served as an assistant before taking over the head coaching job, which was something he knew he wanted to do.

"I got the chance to come here

and my wife was from here," Kidd said. "Naturally, I wanted to come back to my alma mater."

Every season, Kidd knows his team has a chance to make the playoffs – it's almost expected, and for good reason. But this time around, it's going to depend on the second team. While the Colonel starters can match up with any other team, Kidd said the second string lacks experience and that concerns him.

But he also has some hope for the future, thanks to a new athletic director, school president, revamped facilities and a new weight room. The new administrators have made one change in particular that Kidd likes – his assistant coaches have been given lighter class loads.

"My coaches are not going to have to teach as much as in the past and now they can have more time to focus on football," Kidd said. "It was two or three years ago and I didn't think we were getting the help from the higher up and the attitude was 'hell, it's just football.'"

Besides his outstanding career record and the many honors Kidd has accumulated, he also is known as a coach that genuinely cares about his players, not just on the field, but off as well.

"I always take an interest in their lives and still stay in contact with ex-players," Kidd said. "I try to teach the kids what's right and wrong, and if I get lax in that, then I better hang it up."

SEMO volleyball team has experience on its side

After finding itself in the unfamiliar position of a third place conference finish, the Southeast Missouri State volleyball team is returning seven letterwinners, including all six starters.

Included in those returning are the trio of Angie Aschoff, Jackie Derwort and Amy Henken. Derwort earned tournament OVC honors last year as well as being named to the all-conference second team. Henken also found a spot on the all-OVC second team by leading the conference in assists.

For the second consecutive year Aschoff lead the OVC in hitting.

She also was an all-conference first team selection. Derwort and Henken were joined by Krista Halkup on the all-tournament team.



Back for more

After an 18-year hiatus, Western Kentucky rejoins the OVC in football. The Hilltoppers played in the league from 1948 -81 and enjoyed a good amount of success.

Western Kentucky won the OVC title eight times and compiled a 121-

84-9 record in conference play.

The Hilltoppers are taking over the spot vacated by Middle Tennessee, which moved up to the Division I-A level as an independent.

Tight on top

If the OVC women's soccer coaches are right, the conference title is up for grabs. They picked Eastern to finish first, earning 23 points, while Middle Tennessee is a close second with 22 points. Defending OVC champion Tennessee Tech received one first place vote and tallied 18 points.

OVC women's soccer is in its second year of competition, and this

season the conference will host its first postseason tourney, held at the site of the regular-season champion.

Passing attack

Conference football games should be quite an offensive explosion – considering the OVC has two of the top I-AA quarterbacks in Tennessee State's Leon Murray and Murray State's Justin Fuente, both of whom are seniors.

Murray threw for 3,002 yards and 22 touchdowns last season while Fuente racked up 2,896 yards and 23 scoring strikes.

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Scoreboard

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Today Tryout meetings for this year's womens varsity rugby team will take place today through Thursday at 6 p.m. in Coleman Hall, room 203. No experience is necessary and all those interested are encouraged to attend.			
Thursday No events scheduled			
NFL			
AMERICAN CONFERENCE			
East	W	L	T
Indianapolis	2	1	0
Buffalo	1	1	0
Miami	1	1	0
New England	1	1	0
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0
Central			
Baltimore	2	0	0
Jacksonville	1	1	0
Pittsburgh	1	1	0
Cleveland	1	2	0
Cincinnati	0	2	0
Tennessee	0	2	0
West			
Denver	2	0	0
Oakland	2	0	0
Kansas City	1	1	0
Seattle	0	2	0
San Diego	0	3	0
NATIONAL CONFERENCE			
East	W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0
Washington	2	0	0
Arizona	1	1	0
Philadelphia	0	2	0
Dallas	0	3	0
Central			
Tampa Bay	2	0	0
Green Bay	1	0	0
Chicago	2	1	0
Detroit	1	1	0
Minnesota	1	1	0
West			
San Francisco	2	0	0
Atlanta	1	1	0
Carolina	1	1	0
New Orleans	1	1	0
St. Louis	0	2	0

WNBA Playoff Glance

FIRST ROUND	
Tuesday, Aug. 24	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Charlotte 60, Detroit 54	
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Sacramento at Los Angeles, (n)	
CONFERENCE FINALS	

(Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Friday, Aug. 27
New York at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 29
Charlotte at New York, 8 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 30
Charlotte at New York, 8 p.m., if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday, Aug. 26
Houston at Sacramento-Los Angeles
winner, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 29
Sacramento-Los Angeles winner at
Houston, 4 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 30
Sacramento-Los Angeles winner at
Houston, 10 p.m., if necessary

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-3)
Thursday, Sept. 2
TBA, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 4
TBA, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 5
TBA, 3:30 p.m., if necessary

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	GB	
New York	75	48	—
Boston	68	57	8.0
Toronto	66	60	10.0
Baltimore	55	68	20.0
Tampa Bay	55	69	20.5
Central Division			
W	L	GB	
Cleveland	76	48	—
Chicago	60	64	16.5
Minnesota	51	71	23.5
Kansas City	49	74	26.0
Detroit	48	75	27.0
West Division			
W	L	GB	
Texas	74	51	—
Oakland	68	56	6.5
Seattle	61	64	13.5
Anaheim	51	72	22.0
Tuesday's Results			
Tampa Bay 6, Chicago 5			
*Cleveland at Oakland			
*Detroit at Seattle			
*Boston at Minnesota			
*Baltimore at Kansas City			
*New York at Texas			
*Toronto at Anaheim			
Today's Games			
Cleveland at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.			
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 6:05 p.m.			
Boston at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.			
Baltimore at Kansas City, 7:05 p.m.			
New York at Texas, 7:35 p.m.			
Toronto at Anaheim, 9:05 p.m.			
Detroit at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games			
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 11:35 p.m.			

Baltimore at Kansas City, 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division			
W	L	GB	
Atlanta	78	49	—
New York	76	48	0.5
Philadelphia	65	58	10.5
Montreal	50	72	24.5
Florida	50	73	26.0
Central Division			
W	L	GB	
Houston	75	51	—
Cincinnati	72	50	1.5
St. Louis	62	62	12.0
Pittsburgh	61	63	13.5
Milwaukee	55	67	18.0
Chicago	52	70	21.5
West Division			
W	L	GB	
Arizona	72	52	—
San Francisco	64	59	7.5
Los Angeles	56	68	16.0
San Diego	56	68	16.0
Colorado	56	70	17.0

Tuesday's Results			
San Francisco 12, Chicago 4			
Montreal 8, St. Louis 4			
Arizona 5, Florida 4			
Colorado 3, Pittsburgh 2			
Philadelphia 18, San Diego 2			
Atlanta 6, Cincinnati 4			
*Los Angeles at Milwaukee			
*Houston at New York			
Today's Games			
San Diego at Philadelphia, 12:05 p.m.			
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 12:10 p.m.			
Los Angeles at Milwaukee, 1:05 p.m.			
San Francisco at Chicago, 1:20 p.m.			
St. Louis at Montreal, 6:05 p.m.			
Arizona at Florida, 6:05 p.m.			
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.			
Houston at New York, 6:40 p.m.			
Thursday's Games			
Arizona at Florida, 12:05 p.m.			
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.			
San Francisco at Chicago, 1:20 p.m.			
Milwaukee at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.			
Cincinnati at Montreal, 6:05 p.m.			

MLS

Eastern Conference			
W	L	Pts	
D.C.	17	7	41
Columbus	15	8	35
Tampa Bay	11	14	24
Miami	10	14	22
New England	8	15	18
NY-NJ	5	18	9
Western Conference			
W	L	Pts	
Colorado	16	7	42
Dallas	12	12	40
Los Angeles	15	8	39
Chicago	13	10	36
San Jose	13	10	21
Kansas City	7	16	17

Tuesday's Results	
No games scheduled	
Today's Games	
New England at NY - NJ, 7 p.m.	
Miami at D.C., 7 p.m.	
Kansas City at Chicago, 8 p.m.	
Thursday's Games	
No games scheduled	

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	
American League	
CLEVELAND INDIANS – Placed OF Kenny Lofton on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to Aug. 16. Recalled INF – OF Jolbert Cabrera from Buffalo of the International League.	
TEXAS RANGERS – Recalled LHP orey Lee from Oklahoma of the PCL. Optioned RHP Danny Patterson to Oklahoma.	
National League	
MILWAUKEE BREWERS – Purchased the contract of RHP Hector Ramirez from Louisville of the International League.	
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – Traded RHP Kent Mercker to Boston for LHP Mike Matthews and C David Benham. Assigned Matthews to Arkansas of the Texas League and Benham to Potomac of the Carolina League.	
International League	
RICHMOND BRAVES – Announced that the Atlanta Braves purchased the contract of RHP David Cortes.	
BASKETBALL	
National Basketball Association	
MIAMI HEAT – Signed F Tim James.	
FOOTBALL	
National Football League	
CLEVELAND BROWNS – Released K Danny Kight.	
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS – Waived DT Tyree Allison, DT Tony Plantin and S Gana Joseph.	
Canadian Football League	
MONTREAL ALOUETTES – Signed WR Sylvain Girard and RB Eric Blount.	
HOCKEY	
National Hockey League	
ATLANTA THRASHERS – Signed G Scott Fankhauser.	
OTTAWA SENATORS – Signed C Kevin Miller, D Kevin Grimes and RW Bob Prier to multiyear contracts.	
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS – Signed F Kevyn Adams and F Frantisek Mrizek.	
International Hockey League	
IHL – Named Sam Sisco assistant to the vice president.	
LONG BEACH ICE DOGS – Signed D Mike Crowley.	
MANITOBA MOOSE – Signed RW Mike Prokopec.	

Central Hockey League	
WICHITA THUNDER – Re-signed G Lance Leslie, D Dan Brown, F Sean O'Reilly, and D Mickey Gebo.	
Western Professional Hockey League	
LUBBOCK COTTON KINGS – Signed D Brandon Carper.	
SAN ANGELO OUTLAWS – Signed F Kelly Stephens.	
SOCCER	
National Professional Soccer League	
NPSL – Approved the sale of the Florida Thundercats to Arthur Donaldson and James Roscetti and the move to Greensboro, N.C.	
COLLEGE	
ATLANTIC 10 – Named Marie Koch assignor of field hockey officials and Nick Cinqunto assignor of soccer officials.	
ADELPHI – Announced the resignation of Tom Sowinski, assistant baseball coach.	
ALABAMA – Named Dawn Crow women's assistant soccer coach.	
BOWLING GREEN – Named Eric Hoffberg men's assistant hockey coach.	
CLARKSON – Named Ron Fogarty men's assistant hockey coach.	
EARLHAM – Named Dennis Sunderman trainer.	
EMORY UNIVERSITY – Named John Browning men's tennis coach.	
FLORIDA ATLANTIC – Named Shannon Littton women's assistant basketball coach.	
FRAMINGHAM – Named Bill Manchester defensive backs coach, Chris Reale linebackers coach, Jack Strachan running backs coach, Mike Taveira quarterback-tight ends coach and Bob Weeks offensive line coach.	
HOUGHTON – Announced its acceptance into NCAA Division II.	
KENNESAW – Named Pete Strayhorn men's assistant basketball coach.	
MERCYHURST – Named Richard Laurance assistant rowing coach.	
NEW ENGLAND – Named David Labbe softball coach, Caryn Lasante assistant women's basketball coach and Mike Farley women's assistant soccer coach.	
NORTH CAROLINA – Named Johnny Cake director of golf.	
OAKLAND – Announced its acceptance into NCAA Division I.	
SAMFORD – Named Richard Flight assistant athletics director.	
SIENA – Named Ron Racey women's volleyball coach.	
SUSQUEHANNA – Named Craig Penney men's and women's cross-country coach and women's track and field coach.	

national sports inbrief

Sushi scores for Little Leaguer

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — When sushi is on the menu, watch out for Toms River.

Little-used pitcher Chris Fontenelli had nine strikeouts in four innings Tuesday as the defending champions from New Jersey advanced to the U.S. championship game with a 3-1 win over Brownsburg, Ind., at the Little League World Series.

Fontenelli awaited his traditional postgame meal, delivered by the mother of third baseman Dave Cappello. “We like sushi. We always have it after a game and Dave’s mom is bringing some down. So maybe it is good luck,” said Fontenelli, who has

played baseball since his mother started hitting him grounders at age 4.

Toms River (3-0) is trying to become only the second U.S. team to win consecutive Little League World Series.

Cubs and Braves finish July trade

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs on Tuesday acquired left-handed pitcher Joey Nation from Atlanta, completing the July 31 trade that sent pitcher Terry Mulholland and infielder Jose Hernandez to the Braves.

Nation was the minor-league player to be named later when the Braves sent pitchers Micah Bowie and Ruben Quevedo to Chicago in the deal. Nation, 20, was assigned to the Cubs’ Class A Daytona farm club.

In his third minor-league season, he was 6-5 in 23 starts for the Braves’ Macon and Myrtle Beach affiliates. Nation was Atlanta’s second-round draft pick in 1997.

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Heaven

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The team has lost OVC Player of the Year Sherry Austin and All-OVC Second Team selection Missy Hollenkamp to graduation.

When Ralston vacated her position, all signs seemed to be pointing to the dreaded rebuilding year.

But maybe we shouldn't be so quick to raise that white flag. This team is not talking like that at all. After all, they are returning nine letterwinners, four of which were

starters.

Included in that group is Cutler, who broke or tied several school records on her way to being named to the All-OVC team last season.

This year she has a very realistic chance of becoming Austin's successor as conference player of the year.

As for the coaching situation, Andrew Epperly is an interim head coach who is not acting like one.

Epperly will be closely watched all season. If the right people like what they see, maybe he could lose that "interim" label

in his title.


"I'm talking as if I were the coach," he said. "If I don't approach this that way, there is a possibility the program will suffer. I try to not to think about the interim title."

While the team obviously lost a lot since last season, it is returning with a solid nucleus.

The fate of the season will weigh heavily on how long it takes the team to adjust to the new coach.

If there is only a short period of adjustment, Eastern will finally find itself as the one walking down the aisle.

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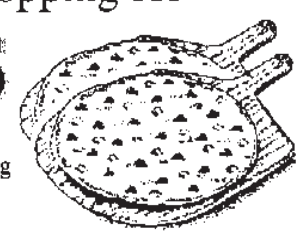
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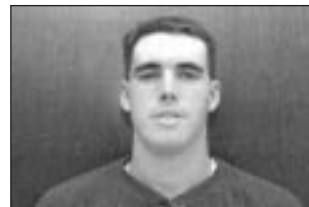
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Eastern plays musical coaches

Ralston takes new job; interim volleyball coach will lead team

The Power Alley



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By Kyle Bauer
Associate sports editor

Call it baptism by fire, but when Andrew Epperly was hired he thought he would be the assistant coach of the defending Ohio Valley Conference regular season champions.

After Betty Ralston vacated the head coaching job to accept the position of Eastern's director of compliance, Epperly found himself as the interim head coach with the responsibility of guiding a team that has made three consecutive trips to the OVC championship game.

"As a team, I have very high expectations," he said. "The goal collectively as a team is to take it to the next level. The girls are giving 100 percent every time and working hard out on the floor."

Epperly, an Eastern grad, is only five years removed from college but has quite an impressive background after having coached at the high school, college and professional levels.

In 1997-98, Epperly served as an assistant on Loyola University's men's team that was a mainstay in the Top 10 rankings. The Ramblers lost a five-game match in the conference finals that would have earned them a trip to the NCAA tournament.

Last season, Epperly guided the Barat College women's team to its best finish ever, setting a record for most wins in a season and improving by 10 wins from the previous season.

A search for the full-time coach will be launched in the fall, according to Associate Athletic Director Deb Polca. If the season goes well, expect to see Epperly's name among the list of applicants.

After nearly two decades in the trenches, Betty Ralston decided it was time to get away from the front lines.

Ralston served as Eastern's head volleyball coach for the past 15 years but now has a much different job.

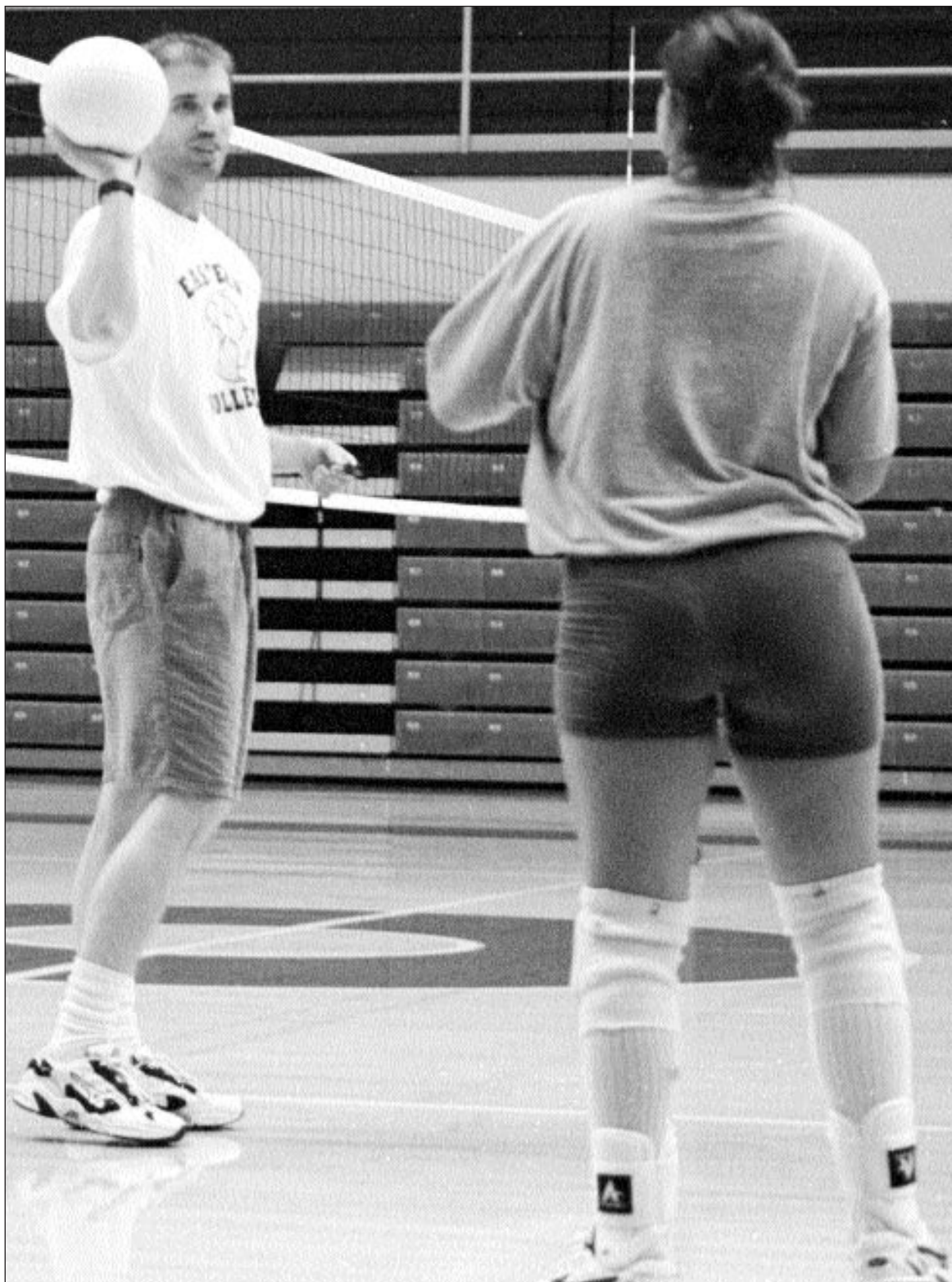
"Basically I make sure everybody obeys the rules," she said. "My job is to make sure the players are eligible and the athletes can play. It's work, but I don't mind doing it. It's things I enjoy."

Realizing that once you have done something for so long it is not so easy to give it up cold turkey, Ralston has not ruled out a return to coaching.

"I have said from the beginning I'm not retiring from coaching," she said. "I love coaching, but I also enjoy the paperwork end of it. I liked all aspects of it. I'm not just a coach."

Ralston will also find herself in the awkward position of having to watch her players from the stands instead of from the sidelines.

"I'll be there to support them, but it will be interesting to watch from the bleachers. I've always said anyone can coach from the bleachers," she said. "Watching the kids develop, that's what I'll miss."



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Interim volleyball coach Andrew Epperly gives instruction to senior Cari Stuchly in practice earlier this week. Epperly was hired as an assistant coach, but took over the team when Betty Ralston accepted a new position within the department.

There's new coaches aplenty at Eastern

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The Eastern athletic department kept busy this summer by hosting the IHSA boys and girls state track meet and renovation of O'Brien Stadium, but it also had to find coaches to fill all the vacancies.

Not only did the department have the volleyball situation to deal with, but it also had to find new coaches for the women's basketball team and men's and women's tennis squad.

Here's a look at who got hired, why the coaches came here and their hopes for the future.

Linda Wunder, Women's basketball coach

She knows about the only place the team can go is up after the Lady Panthers went 5-21 and John Klein

resigned with two weeks left in the season.

Wunder brings in a 211-147 career record, having most recently coached at Fresno State from 1994-98. Last season she held an administrative position for the Bulldogs. Wunder also has served as head coaching positions at Miami (OH) and Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She was one of three finalists Eastern brought in over the summer.

"I'm from the Midwest originally; I like the small college setting and that the community is involved with the students," Wunder said.

Right away, she's confident the team is better than a 5-21 record would indicate.

"We have a good nucleus of



Linda Wunder

players and they will contribute," Wunder said. "When you have a team that's so close, it's a matter of making a few adjustments. We have to instill confidence in them."

Be careful though, Wunder is not promising an immediate turnaround, even if the team does have all but one player returning, including the OVC Player of the Year runner-up in Leah Aldrich-Franklin.

"Is it good to have 14 players returning from a 5-21 team?" Wunder wondered. "I obviously think it's a challenge. Any time you have a new coach, it's like having 15 freshmen on the team. How quickly they adapt will determine how successful we are."

While Wunder hasn't watched any tape from last year, she knows Aldrich-Franklin has to be an integral part of the offense if the team is to have any success.

"Leah is a very gifted player and

A match made in heaven?

In much the same way John Klein abruptly handed in his resignation as head women's basketball coach deep into the season last year, volleyball coach Betty Ralston announced her departure from coaching midway through the summer.

Ralston assumed the director of compliance duties after Jerome Rodgers left the position. In order to accept the job, Ralston first had to leave a coaching job she held for the past 15 years.

As members of the volleyball team trickled back to Charleston to help out with a summer camp, Ralston broke the news of her decision.

"It was shocking because she had been coaching for so long and especially now when we are doing so well," senior Meleah Cutler said. "But she said she is not going to just leave us. She'll still be there."

Ralston is staying on campus and has said it would be nearly impossible to stay away from home matches – it may take some time to get used to view from the bleachers, but she can't stay away.

A great opportunity presented itself and Ralston took advantage of it, much the same way Klein did. You certainly can't blame her for that, but (there's always a but) you can't help but wonder what that means for the team this season.

This is a team that has been perennial bridesmaids in the Ohio Valley Conference, finishing second in the conference tournament for the past three seasons. Last year, they were one step away. The Panthers won the OVC regular season crown, finished runner-up in the tourney and realistically merited consideration for an NCAA at-large bid.

So, is that as good as it gets? Did the Panthers peak last season, leaving this season to be the beginning of the valley?

Last spring, assistant coach Glenn Kiriyaama headed out east to take over as head coach at Division II Binghamton.